

HONORING BARBARA BROWN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 23, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Barbara Brown.

Ms. Brown was influenced by her history and government teacher to return to her hometown of Canton, Mississippi, to teach because he saw a spark of passion in her for educating youth. She retired from education after serving 47 years as a teacher at Canton High School.

Ms. Brown attended Jackson State University and received a degree in Social Science. Three years later she returned back and received her master's degree in Social Science.

Ms. Brown currently resides in Canton, Mississippi. She has two sons and one grandson. She attends Middleton Groves A.M.E. Zion Church in Canton, Mississippi. She enjoys working with students because she feels that she can make a difference in their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Barbara Brown for her dedication to serve her community.

FLORIDA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

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Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Eleven years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Sergeant Aaron Bowling, and Detectives Tyler Ackerman and John Jones, Jr., of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Associate Service Award: Director Matoaya Wimbley of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Corporal Christopher P. Slowick of the Florida Highway Patrol; Sergeant Dino Murgas, Detectives Derek Pollock and Raymond Richter of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Assistant State Attorneys Dawn Buff and Courtney Hollen of the 12th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office; Lieutenants Adam Kaskey and

Jamesa Tose, Sergeants Don Bennett, Sam Lutz and Ray White, Deputies John Albee, Mark Eve, Wida Law, Phil Lucia, Grace Luh, Dean Pappas, Teodoro Perez, Luis Reyes, Neftali Santos, Daniel Schenck, Rod Stewart, Deb Stookey, Mark Truskowski, Ray Vleck and John Wenzel, Civilian Lou Wolf, Detectives Hayden Gallof and Brendan Keats, Chief Pilot Brent Wineka, Pilots David Bouffard, Chirs Laster and Stephen Shull (posthumous), Mechanics Arthur Grassia and Douglas Wenz, and Radio Technician Steve Duzs of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Detective Eddie Howell of the Sarasota Police Department; Manager Valerie Knight of the Bradenton Police Department; Major Daniel Kaufman of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Joseph (Chris) Panichello of the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority.

Preservation of Life Award: Officers Paul Gagnon, Jared Lawhead, David Roberts and Cody Stanaland of the Sarasota Police Department; Sergeant Keith Noordzy, Deputies Keith English, Tyler Lewis, Donald Mays, Jacob Merrill, Deborah Perry, Jonathan Rubi, Todd Seillitto and Patti Smith of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Unit Citation Award: Sergeant Daniel Weinsberg, Officers Sean Carter and Matthew Hughes, and Administrative Specialist Tina Shumway of the Sarasota Police Department.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MS. JEWELL BELL**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Jewell Bell, a beloved pillar of King University and Bristol, Tennessee. Ms. Bell has dedicated over 70 years of service to this excellent academic institution and the well-being of its students. Her tenure spans nearly half of King's 152-year history. She began as a maid in the women's dormitory. In 1961, while Bristol's public schools were still segregated, she was promoted to switchboard Operator and Supervisor and given a staff of 10 assistants. She was the first African American in the region to manage a switchboard, for which she became affectionately known as "Ma Bell." In 1966, her son, Lawrence, Jr. became the first African American student to attend King. As the Executive Administrative Assistant for Communications, she remains the voice of King, answering calls and serving the President's office.

Jewell's legacy of community service is notable as well. She has earned the Algenon Sydney Sullivan Award, the YWCA's Tribute to Women Award, the first ever King University Lifetime Achievement Award, her own lane on the campus named after her, and being declared an Aide-de-Camp by former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, an honor that carries with it the title of Tennessee Colonel. In addition, King University offers a scholarship named the Jewell H. Bell Scholarship, which goes to help students who, as she describes, "have fallen through the cracks and need a little extra help to stay in school." She has devoted many years of service to the YWCA of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia,

the American Red Cross, Slater Community Center, Healing Hands Health Center, and Lee Street Baptist Church. While her children were in school, she served on the PTA and was the first African American PTA Council President in the Bristol, Tennessee, city school system.

Her legacy of love includes being married to her late husband, Lawrence, for 50 years, three grown children, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. In her words, she says "my children are grown now, but King is still my home, the students are my family and I love them. Some of my family call me Gran, some call me GG, JB, Miss Jewell, plain Jewell, Mrs. Bell, or Ma Bell. I feel like God has enabled me to be here so long because of them, and I believe I've made an impact."

Madam Speaker, Jewell Bell has been a source of wisdom, compassion and support for students and alumni, as well as a strong community advocate for racial equality and positive change and I proudly honor her.

HONORING CUBDEERIX "DEEDEE"
ROBINSON**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious young lady, Ms. Cubdeerix "DeeDee" Robinson. DeeDee has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve.

DeeDee, a Yazoo native, was awarded the Doctor of Optometry Degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and was named to the Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Scholastic Fraternity. She also earned the William Dickerson, Jr. O.D. Scholarship, which honors a student's commitment to pursuing private practice optometry and comes with a \$1,000 monetary award.

DeeDee is the daughter of Cubie Robinson and Dianne Willis. She is a graduate of Yazoo City High School and the University of Mississippi.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Cubdeerix "DeeDee" Robinson for her passion and desire to make a difference in the field of healthcare.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. GEORGE LAWSON**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Mr. George Lawson of Sevierville, Tennessee. George was born on August 6, 1949 and passed away on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

He was bonded as a deputy in 1972 and was elected in 1976 to serve as a Constable for Sevier County. His years of service made him one of the longest serving elected officials in the State of Tennessee, and he loved serving his community and his church family.